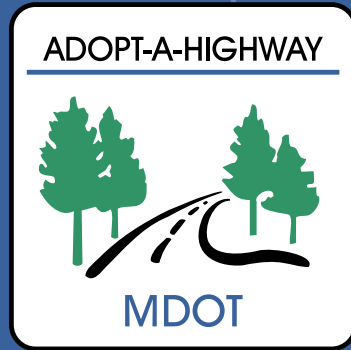
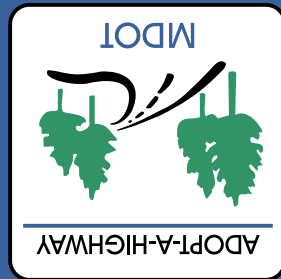


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## The Director's View

Let me begin by expressing how wonderful it is that our 20,000 Adopt-A-Highway volunteers have consistently given their time, energy and effort to the State of Michigan for the past fifteen years.

Your generosity is a blessing!

All of our supporters are crown jewels who believe, as we do, that teamwork provides the basis for an extraordinary commitment to serving the citizens, residents and visitors of this great state. MDOT has a legacy built from national leadership, innovation and creativity. The kindness of our volunteers enables us to improve maintenance operations in all communities.

With your help, TEAM MDOT will continue achieving success in all that we do.

*Gloria J. Jeff*



## In the News... It's You!

The work of our volunteers is noticed, not only by MDOT staff members and hundreds of thousands of motorists who travel the state each day, but your contributions also are gaining the attention of local media.

MDOT has its own version of the "Problem Solvers" – the Adopt-A-Highway program participants who pick up trash and coordinate their helpful efforts to make Michigan roadways safe and clean.

News outlets increasingly have begun to spotlight this dedication. Whether in the morning paper or on a six o'clock newscast, loyal Adopt-A-Highway volunteers are a story worth sharing.



## 2004 Major Road & Bridge Repairs Guide available in Spring

Call our Communications office to request copies at 517-373-2610, or stop in your local MDOT Transportation Service Center (TSC). This guide includes maps showing the major construction zones throughout Michigan.

## Ready for 2004 Road Construction?

Once the winter weather breaks, road improvement plans will resume. It's never too soon to familiarize yourself with trash pickup procedures for contractor project areas. If barricades and cones are set up in your adopted pickup section, indicate that the area is involved in road construction when filing your litter report. During the next regularly scheduled pickup period following construction, you should resume your efforts. Regular road project updates are posted on the MDOT Web page at <http://www.michigan.gov/MDOT>.

## Share the Wealth (of Information)

Our words are your words. Volunteers who work with community newsletters or similar neighborhood publications are invited to borrow items printed in quarterly Adopt-A-Highway bulletins. To make it easier, you can visit our Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway> and locate the current issue of the bulletin. Then just copy the item(s) you want to use for your publication. We ask only that you return the favor and continue to share with us any encouraging stories about your Adopt-A-Highway experiences.

Send them to:  
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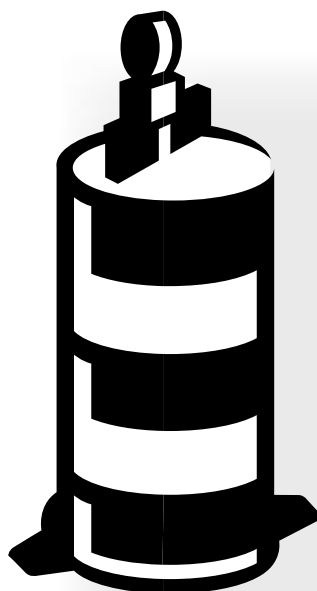
## 2004 Construction Hotlines

We are scheduling work in a variety of ways in order to keep inconvenience to a minimum. Whenever possible, our crews work during off-peak hours and weekends. If you are planning an event, please use our 24-hour hotlines to help your expected guests navigate through the 2004 construction.

In the West and Southwest regions,  
call **616-482-PAVE (7283)** or  
**888-305-PAVE (7283)**.

In Metro Region,  
call **800-641-MDOT (6368)**.

New Internet Service: Internet users in the Tri-County area can click onto <http://www.michigan.gov/metrodetroittraffic> for frequent traffic updates throughout the metro Detroit area.



## Observe Work Zone Safety

Remember:

- Fines for traffic infractions in work zones are doubled.
- Take time to observe directions and merge early into traffic.
- Slower speeds help save lives, including yours.
- Check for speed limits in work zones after dark.

Injury or death to a construction zone worker due to reckless driving is punishable by as long as fifteen years imprisonment.

## 2004 Pick-up Notes

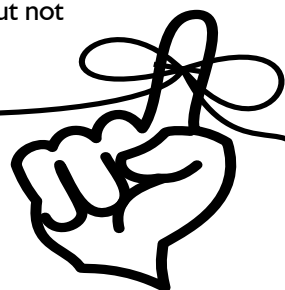
Get ready for our 2004 Adopt-A-Highway pickups. Dates for this year are currently scheduled as follows: April 24-May 2, July 10-18 and Sept. 11-19.

As always:

- Only official "Adopt-A-Highway" trash bags should be used.
- Hazardous, unidentifiable items and others which could present safety hazards should not be collected. Local Adopt-A-Highway coordinators should be notified as to the location of these items.
- Remove rubbish from as many grassy sections, including unmowed areas, within your adopted regions as possible.
- Do not collect litter in the medians of expressways.
- Re-enter expressways at the next safe interchange, instead of using median crossovers to turn around.
- Following pickups, leave filled bags on the grass adjacent to pavement, but not on the paved area.

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## Count 'em up

What's the most important piece of information to know at the end of a championship little league baseball game? What about a Detroit Pistons match-up?

It's the score, right?

We also want members of one of the most impressive volunteer organizations in the state to keep score, too. That means we need to record the number of bags your group gathers during each pickup for the year ahead. We also need to have your completed Safety Meeting Attendance Records submitted each year. Please be sure to include the date on each form. As a token of our thanks, certificates are included in the spring mailing for those groups who submit both the litter pickup and safety forms.

## Spotlight on Safety

Always keep an eye out for your fellow volunteers when you're out in the community collecting litter. Weather and individual health conditions can sometimes contribute to difficulty performing any kind of physical labor, particularly among the elderly. Whenever you're out with your group helping to support the Adopt-A-Highway program, be aware of the following signs of a medical emergency:

- Severe chest pain, upper-abdominal pain or similar pressure
- Chest pain that extends upward toward the jaw or down one arm
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Coughing up or vomiting blood
- Dizziness or weakness
- Disorientation or change in mental status
- Sudden weakness on one side of the body
- Injury to eyes or ears
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Sudden weakness on one side of the body

Whenever possible, it's a good idea for one or more members of your group to carry a cellular telephone, in case a 911 call is necessary. Each volunteer should always try to work at a pace that is comfortable for each individual and wear a hat to block the sun. Water can be carried in a thermos or cooler. On cooler days, appropriate dress is advised.

## Courtesy to the Rescue

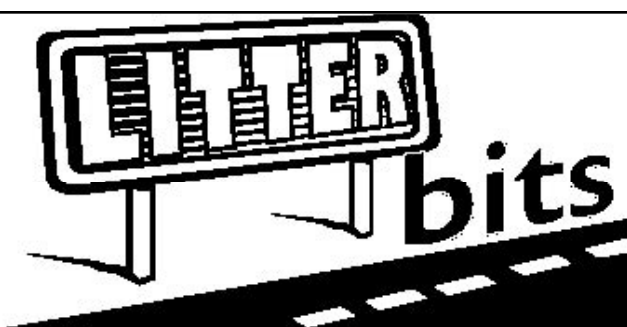
Imagine yourself stranded at the side of the road. You're stressed because you were on your way home to a family function after a meeting in the busy metro Detroit area. You can always call home for help, but the family is miles away from your inoperative vehicle. If you contact roadside assistance, there's no telling how many customers they've got ahead of you.

Along comes a white van marked "MDOT Freeway Courtesy Patrol." In a matter of minutes, a driver hops out to assist you and gets you back on your way.

The Freeway Courtesy Patrol is for active people whose daily routines and obligations put them on the road. Operated for MDOT by AAA Michigan and Emergency Road Response, it serves to reduce potential crash situations and create safer driving conditions on Detroit metropolitan freeways. For more information about this program, e-mail [fcpl@michigan.gov](mailto:fcpl@michigan.gov).



**15 YEARS OF ADOPTING  
MICHIGAN'S HIGHWAYS**



## Support Our Troops, Too

As thoughts and prayers go out to soldiers and innocent civilians in the Middle East, Adopt-A-Highway could use a few good men and women.

We're proud to say that MDOT volunteer groups have numbered in the thousands for 15 years. Turnover is a normal part of any long-term support initiative, and we have been fortunate to have new volunteers available to take over when others return their bags and vests to move on to other life adventures.

It's important that we recruit new generations of "parents" who will adopt more stretches of Michigan highways. There's no such thing as too much help and positive energy.

We strongly encourage you to recruit new members to help continue the success of Adopt-A-Highway. The regional program coordinator is the best person to contact for a list of highway sections available for adoption. Coordinators can provide you with brochures that include information about the program and how Michigan residents can get involved. This information is also available at the Adopt-A-Highway Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway>.

## Garbage by the Numbers

It would take *one* person – working continuously around-the-clock nearly 284 years to pick up the same amount of trash that approximately 553,000 volunteers picked up during the 15-year period.

